

REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 13-15, 17, 18, 20, 29, 31, 32, 34, 43, 45, 46 and 48 are now pending in the application, with Claims 1, 7, 15, 29 and 43 being independent. Claims 21-25, 27, 28, 35-39, 41, 42, 49-53, 55 and 56 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 1, 4, 7, 14, 15, 18, 29, 32, 43 and 46 have been amended herein.

In the Office Action dated February 9, 2006, Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 15, 17, 18, 20, 29, 31, 32, 34, 43, 45, 46 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,206,735 (Gauronski et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,025,925 (Davidson, Jr. et al.). Claims 7, 9-14, 21, 23-28, 35, 37-42, 49 and 51-53 were rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757 (Yoshida et al.) in view of Davidson, Jr. et al. Claims 8, 22, 36 and 50 were rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over Yoshida et al. and Davidson, Jr. et al. and further in view of Gauronski et al.. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed previously, Gauronski et al. is directed to an electronic printer with a scanner, in which interruption of a job to process a special job is effected by interrupting the job currently being scanned by the scanner to scan the special job while continuing printing of the other jobs in the print queue until the special job is ready. The job being printed is then interrupted to print the special job, while resuming scanning of the interrupted job, and then printing of the interrupted job is continued upon completion of the special job. Applicant

submits that in Gauronski et al. multiple interrupt printing can be inhibited and an operator can be sent a message that interrupt printing has failed.

However, Gauronski et al. is not believed to disclose or suggest at least receiving job information from a printer indicating that interrupt printing of an instructed print job has failed, with the job information including information that can specify an owner of the print job, determining whether the owner of the print job specified in the information included the received job information is identical to a user of the information processing apparatus based on the job information, and causing a display unit to display that the instructed print job has not been interrupt printed, if determined that the owner of the print job is identical to the user of the information processing apparatus, as is recited in independent claims 1, 15, 29 and 43. Nor does Gauronski et al. disclose or suggest at least that one information processing apparatus causes a display unit to display that the print job has not been interrupt printed if it is decided that the owner of the print job specified by the information included the job information transmitted by a transfer unit is identical to a user of the information processing apparatus, as is recited in independent claim 7.

Thus, Gauronski et al. fails to disclose or suggest important features of the present invention recited in the independent claims.

The printing system of Davidson, Jr. et al. has at least one host computer and a printer. The printer can acquire print job accounting information and communicate this information to the host computer, which can store the job accounting information in a memory. The print job accounting information can include a network user name, which can include the host's identifier and the user's identification. In the Response to Arguments in the Office Action, it is stated that since "print job status information includes user ID (job ownership) and host ID address,

therefore, it would [have] been obvious to compare these data to a computer that is current[ly] being sent to, for example, by comparing its user's ID from job information and user's IDs that have been logged on. By doing so, it ensures that only authorized users/owners receive the print job status (*i.e.*, print job that is highly confidential)." Applicants respectfully disagree.

Referring to Figure 5C and column 19, line 39, to column 20, line 7, Davidson, Jr. et al. describes in function block 380 that a Job Accounting Alert is sent to host computer 16 having MARKVISION™ installed. While the Job Accounting Alert may include user ID and host ID, the user ID or host ID is simply one of the attributes provided in the print job history. Therefore, whether the Alert is sent to the host is not closely related to the user ID or host ID. Davidson, Jr. et al. does not disclose or suggest causing a display unit to display that an instructed print job has not been interrupt printed, if determined that the owner of the print job is identical to the user of the information processing apparatus. Davidson, Jr. et al. is not believed to remedy the deficiencies of Gauronski et al. noted above with respect to the independent claims.

Yoshida et al. has also been reviewed, but is not believed to be any more relevant than the citations discussed above.

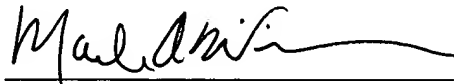
Thus, independent Claims 1, 7, 15, 29 and 43 are patentable over the citations of record. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejections are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined by independent Claims 1, 7, 15, 29 and 43. Dependent Claims 3, 4, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 31, 32, 34, 45, 46 and 48 are also allowable, in their own right, for defining features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Individual consideration of the dependent claims is requested.

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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